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"Well, sir, as soon as Jim here appeared to have made up in his own mind that the boy had gone, and would never come back—it was about to pass through the lock, sir, and Jim had given me his usual signal, barking to me and calling me from the bedside of my wife, I went out with heart sching and after letting the water into the sunlight, and after letting the water into the sunlight and sunlight an

wife, I went out with hearts sohing and my yess disky and dakey and daked, geing from the sick room into the smallght, and after letting the water into the lock I walked to the gates to yee them as usual, sir. I got my hand on the locked round, and you my hand on the locked round, and you my hand on the locked round, and you might a knocked me down wish a feather; for there, standing on his hind legs looking up at my face, was my dog lim, seeming to say, 'Nover mind, master; bear up. I'll halp, you,' doing exactly as my poor how made to do. It so knocked the over, sir, I fell on the lock gates and bast out cryin.' I fell on the lock gates and bast out orylor, the fust town of the seemed, which we had been stringly the wenned, by disappeared. Well, sir, what I'm going to tail you give, in the seemen truth, is a you have seen yourself. You have seen him, sir, so it sha's no feity tale as I'm telling you, believe me, sir, as I hope to meet that boy of mine in another world, there said a beat, barrey cannot be reconsidered and there dog has stood upon his bind legs and helped me like any Corticia, looking at my face as much as to say. Bear up, I'll help you. Don't free look to the that there dog has stood wpon his bind legs and helped me like any Corticia, looking at my face as much as to say. Bear up, I'll help you, I'm help you. Don't free about the boy.' Leastwise so It appears to me. Well, sir, to boy, as I told you, was fond of books, and is one or them I read about this 'ere firring' ediplicity. I speke about the boy.' Leastwise so It appears to me. Well, sir, to boy, as I told you, was fond of books, and is one or hem I read about this 'ere intring' ediplicity. I speke about the boy.' Leastwise so It appears to me. Are the series of the series of

"But can't you give me some hopes, sir.
Do you think I shall never see my boy againt. The hardest and orneliest part of this life seems to be the parting with it (now actually parting with life, sir, for when my time comes I hope, sir, I shall face death like a man,) but what troubles me, sir, is the uncertainty."
"Well, Peter," I said, "I hope you will
see your son again; there's no knowing."
"No, sir," he said with a heavy sigh, as
he pushed my cance off, "there's no knowing. Good night, sir; good night."

The following year I found myself down with my genial host and hostess again, and after dinner I strelled over to the lock in the dusk of the evening; the sun was setting, and as I approached the lock-house a quiet baimy stillness pervaded the place. The lark in its cage was singing its last carol before going to rest; the place asemed bright with animation, and the sun lingering as if serry to leave the world even for a few short hours.

I had just lifted the latch of the gate when the door of the lock-house opened and my old friend the lock-house opened and my old friend the lock-house opened and my old friend the lock-keeper appeared; so changed that for a mement I scarcely recognized him. Instead of the weary look of last year, twenty years asemed taken from his life. His face was bright and smilling.

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"God bless my heart, sir, I am glad to see yet."

"Well," 4 said, "any news of the boy." said he; "thank God, yea. Charlie lad, Charlie lad, where are you? Here's a gentieman, am old felend of mins, as wants to see you."

"All right, dad." shouted a bright, cheery voice, "I'll be there directly," and cut from the orier bed over by the back water came a punt with as fine a looking lad' as you'd see in a day's march.

"There's my boy, sir, there he is; he's some back you see, nir, come back to his eld father and mother," said he, and the sid man's eyes filled with happy tears. "Lor', sir, looking as you, that brings back the old story to me. You know, sir, the atternoon that the boy disappeared, as we thought had gone from us for ever, he let a large with a shiplead of timber through the locks. The skipper was an old chap as had been very good to the boy, and the lad wanted to shake hands and say good by to lilling before he started the mer day on his travels, so, as the barge was passing through the lock gates, the old man being in the bow, the boy unneen by him, jumps on loard, just as the starte of the barge was glearing the gates, missing his footing, struck his head against the edge of the little oabin hole, and falls senseless into the cabin below. And there he laid till the old man being to the look, and there he laid till the old man below. And there he laid till the old man below. And there he laid till the old man below. And there he laid till the old man below. And there he laid till the old man below. And there he laid till the old man below. And there he laid till the old man below. And there he laid till the old man below was a look of the large was glearing the gates, missing his footing, struck his head against the edge of the little oabin hole, and falls senseless into the cabin below. And there he laid till the old man below. And there he laid till the old man below. And there he laid till the

the voice came from—the lenk. Dropping my paint-brush, I rushed to the lock gates, and there was my. wife clinging to them, with her eyes starting out of her head, wild, half mad like.

"Hook, Peter, look!" she said, never taking her eyes from the water. I rushed across the lock, caught her in my arms, and there, just outside the gates, in the whirl of the water, I saw the boy's strew hat.

"Oh, Peter, Peter! she said, the boy is gone; the boy's dead. I shall never see him agais.

"Poor soul, her agony was terrible, but if anything could equal it, it was the way that Jim there—the dog—took it. Agoing up and down the bank, in and out the water, panting, sixhausted, the dog seemed to me, jumping up at my face to attract my attention, then tack again into the water, out again, until quite exhausted like, he lay down at my feet, half-dead like.

"Well," I took the wife indoors, and many and many a westry night did I have nursing her, a trying to bring her back to me, and beating its planting. "Transmugrification of souls now!"

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